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TELEPHONE FRANCHISE IS TO BE
OFFERED FOR SALE BY COUNCILLicense of East Tennessee Company Has Expired—Fire Committee
Reports on Hose Wagon—Claims are Ordered Paid.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held Friday night, Mayor Hughes presiding. All councilmen were present except councilman Todd.

The report of the chief of police showed thirty-six cases tried during the month and fines amounting to \$71.00 imposed at a cost of \$12.70. Cash collected during the month on fines \$95.55; on old bonds, \$36.90; Commonwealth bonds, \$35.00.

The city treasury reported a balance of \$5,701.93 in the treasury and \$2,600 in the sinking fund. The City Clerk reported \$80.50 collected during the month on licenses; and the City Collector reported \$1,668.05 collected during the month on taxes.

Telephone Franchise.

The most important matter of business that was transacted at the meeting was the passing of an ordinance offering a telephone franchise for sale. The East Tennessee Telephone Company has been operating in this city for the last ten years on a license and without a franchise. Their license expired in November and they either had to secure a franchise or cease doing business here. As it is now they have no right whatever to operate in this city.

The company's attorney, John M. Stevenson, was before the council asking that the sale of this franchise be granted. Mr. Stevenson had the ordinance providing for the sale of the franchise prepared. It was presented to the council and read and passed.

Sold to Best Bidder.

The ordinance provides that the franchise be sold at public outcry to the highest and best bidder that the city reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and also regulates the price of phones.

The price of phones for business houses will be \$2.75 for private or direct lines and \$2.00 for two party lines and for residences \$1.65 for direct lines and \$1.40 for two party lines. It also provides that after the company that purchases the franchise has more than one thousand subscribers the rates may be increased to \$2.25 and \$3.00 on business telephones and \$2.00 and \$1.50 on residences.

Rate is Higher Than Now.

This rate is higher than the present one and the acceptance of the ordinance providing for this increase was strongly objected to by councilmen McCulloch, but when the vote was taken on the matter he voted in favor of the ordinance.

As usual, there was a number of people before the council complaining of their property being assessed above its value and asking for rebate, on what they have paid; and others complaining of paying taxes on property that they have disposed of some time ago. These complaints are getting to be common occurrences

at the council meetings and are increasing all the time.

City Assesses Salary.

An ordinance was passed fixing the salary of the City Assessor at \$500 per year; \$200.00 to be paid at the close of his work and the other three hundred is to be held until after his tax books have been corrected by the Board of Supervisors; he will also be required to make a sworn affidavit that he has seen the owner of every piece of property in the city and has secured the signature of the owner as to the value of the property and that he himself has investigated the value of the property.

The three hundred dollars will be held until after a settlement has been effected by a committee that the Council will appoint to audit the books. For each violation of any rule in the ordinance governing the assessment of property a penalty will be imposed on the Assessor and will be paid out of the three hundred dollars that will be held by the city. This it is thought will do away with the trouble that the Council is now having with the tax payers.

Wants Check Back.

The Weil Roth Company of Cincinnati, that purchased the \$10,000 worth of sewer bonds from the city some time ago made another application for their certified check of \$500, that they put up as a forfeit that they would take the bonds. They claim that the bonds are not legal and that if they take them they cannot dispose of them. Two months ago Judge Jonett was appointed to take the matter up with them and investigate the legality of the bonds and he reports they are legal and there is no good reason why they should not accept them.

Company May Sue.

No action was taken on the matter and the probable result of it will be that the company will sue for their check and then the legality of the bonds will be tested in the courts here. In a letter addressed to S. B. Tracy, City Clerk, they give as their reasons for the bonds being illegal, first, that the election notices were defective in not fixing the polling places at which the election was to have been held and another was that the statutes require the election election notices to be published in two papers, two weeks prior to the election. They claim the notice was published in one paper only twelve days and in another, eleven days prior to the election. The third reason was that the Constitution of Kentucky absolutely limits the tax rate of this city to 75 cents on each \$100 of the valuation and that the records show that they are now levying \$1.10 and this says makes it clear that sufficient taxing power does not exist to carry the bonds.

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LEONORA SPARKES, A STAR OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA.

Leonora Sparkes, who made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House this season, created a favorable impression. If her voice is not full of the runs, trills and other vocal decorations which come under the classification of coloratura, it shows correct cultivation, and as a soprano her recognition has been instantaneous.

PROF. J. H. THOMAS'
APPEAL HAS FAILED

Superintendent Tanner Revoked License to Teach Because of Absence.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 5.—The State Board of Education met yesterday afternoon to hear the appeal of Prof. J. H. Thomas, who failed to attend the County School Teachers' Institute in Clark county last year, and his State Certificate was revoked as to that county by Superintendent C. A. Tanner. He had appealed to Superintendent Crabbe from Superintendent Tanner's decision, and the hearing yesterday was from the decision of Superintendent Crabbe sustaining the action of Superintendent Tanner.

The Board of Education soon disposed on the case, and affirmed the decision of the two superintendents. While it was not the intention of the Board of Education to make an example of Prof. Thomas, their action shows that they will uphold the county superintendent, and the State Superintendent in seeing that the provision of the school laws are carried into effect. For this reason their action in this case was a most important one.

109 ADDITIONS AT
REVIVAL SERVICES

Series at the First Baptist Church Closed on Friday Night.

The series of meetings at the First Baptist church closed Friday night. Dr. J. W. Porter preached a great sermon on "The Lamentation of Christ over Jerusalem." Notwithstanding the rain and mud, the house was filled with people. There were seven additions to the church and six confessions of faith. There have been, all told, about one hundred and nine additions to the church. It is regarded as one of the best meetings ever held in this part of the State.

The usual services Sunday. The morning subject, "Instructions to the New Members." The evening subject, "Immersion, the Act Christ Commanded for Baptism." The hand of church fellowship will be given to all the new members. The baptizing Sunday night, also Wednesday night at the regular prayer meeting baptism will be administered.

CRUISER YANKEE SINKS

American Ship Just Refloated Last—Crew Rescued.

Special to The News.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 5.—The cruiser Yankee, refloated yesterday after being aground in Buzzard's Bay, sank today off Penikese Island. The entire crew was rescued.

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL
BOARD HOLDS SESSION

Discuss Boundary Lines of Districts and Tax Levy For 1909.

The County Educational Board met in Superintendent C. A. Tanner's office at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. This Board is composed of W. E. Fishback, H. L. Quisenberry, K. S. Wills, F. A. Ecton, chairman of the four divisions of the county, and C. A. Tanner, who is chairman of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chairman C. A. Tanner. The first thing on the program was the reading and adopting of the minutes of the former meetings, which were held the first Saturday in September, October and November.

Next the Witherspoon district was allowed \$1.05 for repairs. H. L. Quisenberry and W. F. Dickey were appointed as a committee to look after repairs on the school cistern in Mt. Zion district. The \$15 allowed the Pine Ridge district at the last meeting was ordered to be paid by Mr. Tanner on receiving receipted bills from the trustee in that district.

It was also moved that the Board ascertain at as early a date as possible what will be the county levy for 1909, and present same to the Fiscal Court.

The boundary lines of the several districts were discussed but all action in regard to them was deferred to a later meeting. There will be some changes made in boundary lines next year. The Board then adjourned to meet again their next regular meeting day, January 2.

IMPORTANT MEETING
HERE ON TUESDAY

Officers of Burley Tobacco Society To Make Arrangements For Money Distribution.

An important meeting of the officers of the Burley Tobacco Society will be held Tuesday. At the meeting, arrangements will be made for the distribution of the \$12,000,000 which the American Tobacco Company agreed to pay for about 70,000,000 pounds of the pooled tobacco. In addition the officers will discuss the growing of a crop in 1909. An effort will be made by the society to fix the amount of tobacco to be grown in order that it may arrive at some idea as to the price the tobacco will bring when marketed. It is understood that the ultimate aim of the society is to agree on the amount of production of leaf, the approximate price it will bring before a pound is grown.

GO TO MISSOURI.

Messrs. George and Zach Berry of this county, left Saturday to make their future home in Clay county, Missouri.

VORYS STARTS
BOOM FOR TAFT

Makes Statement on Return From Hot Springs and Explains Preference.

Columbus, O., Dec. 5.—What is considered an authoritative announcement of Charles P. Taft's candidacy for the United States senate was given out by Arthur I. Vorys. The significant feature of the statement is that it immediately follows Mr. Vorys' visit to President-elect Taft. It is taken for granted that Charles P. Taft's candidacy to succeed Senator Foraker has the full sanction of the president-elect. Mr. Vorys' statement reads:

"While there are a number of Republicans in southern Ohio, where the senatorship naturally should go this time, who are well qualified to take such a responsible place, I think Charles P. Taft should be and will be elected.

"His experience in both state and national lawmaking, his large versatile and remarkably successful accomplishments in business, his management of one of the greatest and most influential Republican newspapers in the country, his scholarly attainments and broad knowledge of affairs, make him exceptionally equipped for the senate. His honesty and purity in private life are unquestioned after the most searching efforts by the opposition in the late campaign to find something wrong about him. He can well be a candidate on his own merits.

"He should not be and he would not want to be elected simply because he is a brother of the president-elect, and on the other hand, he should not be defeated simply because he is a brother of the president-elect."

When asked whether he talked to President-elect Taft about himself, Mr. Vorys said: "I repeated to him yesterday what I told him the day after the election and also a long time before, that I do not want an office."

WEATHER HELPS TRADE

Retail Business in All Sections Braces Up After Cold Snap.

New York, Dec. 5.—Bradstreet's says: Weather conditions have been irregular, but the arrival of a cold wave following unseasonable mild temperatures has stimulated retail trade north, west and east, and even helped business at the south at some points, though holding of cotton and low prices therefore have tended to check buying in the cotton belt as a whole. Collections have shared in the irregularity in trade, and there is noticeable more complaint as to those than as to business generally, more particularly at the south. Heavy wearing apparel, shoes and coal have been helped by climatic developments. Holiday trade, too, shows signs of expansion, and comparisons with a year ago in all lines are naturally in favor of current business.

Leconte's Friends to Demonstrate.

Cape Haitien, Dec. 5.—General Cincinnatus Leconte, minister of the interior in the late cabinet of President Nord Alexis, and who now is an aspirant to the presidency of the republic, will arrive here Sunday. Partisans are preparing a demonstration in his honor. General Leconte will be permitted to land, but every effort will be made to repress any demonstration that threatens the peace of the city. The regular forces will be reinforced by disciplined troops from the interior.

JURY FOREMAN THREATENED

Toledo Prober Goes Armed During Investigation of Criminal Cases.

Toledo, O., Dec. 5.—Constantly armed and even sleeping with a gun at his side, Joseph Munch, a hotel proprietor, foreman of the grand jury now in session, is prepared at any time to meet threats which have been made against his life. During the present inquiry into a number of criminal cases by the grand jury, Munch has received anonymous letters and telephone messages warning him that if certain lines of investigation are not dropped he will suffer.

Political Refugees Return.

St. Thomas, B. W. I., Dec. 5.—Over 100 political Haitian refugees, including General Antenor Firmin, who headed one revolt in 1902 and another in January of this year, have left here during the past few days for Haiti.

Harmon to Ride in Parade.

Columbus, O., Dec. 5.—Governor-elect Harmon has expressed a desire to the local press committee to ride on horseback in the inaugural parade.

VOTE DEAD MEN
AT PRIMARIES

Grand Jury Exposes Chicago Election Method and Indicts Eighty-One.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The ballots of men long residents of other cities, the ballots of temporary absentees, the ballots of the insane and even of the dead were cast in the primary election of last August in Chicago. "Repeaters" voted in platoons with the connivance of willingly unseeing judges and clerks of election, and fraud, rampant to an extent hitherto unknown in a city never famous for the purity of its political atmosphere, rendered the resultant party nominations morally worthless.

These and other startling allegations were made in the report of the special grand jury which, after several weeks of delving into charges growing out of Chicago's first primaries and returning 81 indictments against two score or more of politicians and others, adjourned. The investigation, owing to physical limitations, merely scratched the surface of the situation, according to the report, and doubt is expressed that there has been an honest city or general election in Chicago in years.

The findings of the inquisitorial body characterize the primary election as a disgrace to the city. Voting machines are urgently advised as a step in a remedial direction, and a wider application of civil service. It is stated that while the jury can not affirm that no frauds were perpetrated by civil service employees, it is significant that the inquisitors found none such. On the other hand, the report remarks the fact that although the police were in the vicinity of every polling booth, the investigators received no aid from them in seeking to fasten responsibility for the conditions which prevailed.

DISCUSS ARBITRATION

President Lewis of Miners' Union Objects to Services of Outsiders.

Pittsburg, Dec. 5.—Arbitration was the theme at the session of the American mining congress. President T. L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America made the opening address, taking the stand that arbitration in which a third party or an outsider had to be utilized was unsatisfactory and failed to bring about permanent settlement, but that arbitration in which employer and employee get together and between themselves adjust their differences has done more for the betterment of the mining industry than any other agency.

A letter on arbitration from Judge George Gray of Delaware was one of the interesting features, while an address on the same subject by Carroll D. Wright, former United States commissioner of labor, was given close attention and aroused much interest.

Alexis Goes to Jamaica.

Port au Prince, Dec. 5.—It has been decided that Nord Alexis is to go to Kingston, Jamaica. The former president and the men who took refuge on board the French cruiser Duguay Trouin with him will be transferred to the German steamer Si-beria. The government garrison at Millionard, when informed of the flight of Nord Alexis, made off to the north. They consented to surrender their artillery to the provisional government, but insisted on taking their rifles with them.

Found Two Bushels of Mail.

Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 5.—Two bushels of first-class mail, most of it opened, was discovered by hunters in a secluded spot on the farm of David Homes. The opened letters were all mailed at Michigan points and were destined for the east. Checks and money orders were untouched, only cash having been extracted.

Shoots Wife and Self.

Granville, Mass., Dec. 5.—John Artin, lodging house keeper, fatally shot his wife following a quarrel resulting from jealousy. He then made what is believed to be a successful attempt to end his own life. The Artins formerly lived at Youngstown, O.

Two Suicides Found.

Columbus, O., Dec. 5.—Bodies of William Keeley, 40, shoemaker, and George Lintner, 65, a roundhouse employee, were found in separate sections of the city. Both had committed suicide with carbolic acid because of mental depression.

Governor Wants More Evidence. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 5.—Governor Mead refused to honor the requisition of Governor Fort of New Jersey for the return to New Jersey of Elliott A. Archer, alias Archie Carter, who is wanted in that state for trial on 17 indictments charging forgery amounting to \$70,000.

Christmas Edition...

The News will issue its
Christmas Edition on
Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

It will carry many Special Holiday Features, Christmas Stories, Poems, Illustrations, Etc.

It will be the Shopping Guide for the busiest days of the Holiday trade.

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